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1. Trains of refrigerator cars were again observed between 7 and 14 October 1950. The exact number of these trains was not determined.
2. In late October 1950 three or four trains of four-axle refrigerator cars, each train composed of about 80 axles, were observed arriving daily at the Berlin Central Stock Yard. Meat and lard were transloaded without delay from these trains to other freight and refrigerator cars. Meat and lard from these shipments was then dispatched to Magdeburg, Halle, Dresden, Cottbus, Leipzig, Erfurt, Weimar, Zwickau, and Iberswalde. Magdeburg received such a large shipment that 12 cars loaded with meat were returned to Berlin because there was no room left in the local cold storage facilities. About 150 VP men guarded the Berlin Central Stock Yard for the duration of the meat shipments. *

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* Comment. The report confirms the employment of shuttle trains of refrigerator cars for the shipment of meat from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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